

# HB 1224 -- NEWBORN SAFETY INCUBATORS

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This bill allows, beginning January 1, 2016, a qualified service provider as defined in the bill to install and operate a newborn safety incubator for the purpose of taking custody of a newborn who is voluntarily left in the device. A newborn safety incubator is a device that allows a person to anonymously place a newborn in the device with the intent to leave the newborn and another person to remove the newborn from the device and take custody of the newborn.

A qualified service provider that installs a newborn safety incubator must register with the Department of Health and Senior Services.

Any person who places an item or individual, other than a newborn less than 31 days of age, into the newborn safety incubator is guilty of a class A misdemeanor. Any person who intentionally installs or operates a newborn safety incubator in violation of these provisions is guilty of a class A misdemeanor, unless the violation results in bodily injury to a newborn in which case the violation is a class D felony until December 31, 2016, and a class E felony beginning January 1, 2017.